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 6. ☐ Translation of PCT Article 19 Amendments [35 U.S.C.371 (c) (3)]
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 8. ☐ International Preliminary Examination Report and its Annexes, if any, under PCT Article 36(3) (a) [35 U.S.C.371 (a)]
 9. ☐ Translation of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36(3) (b) [35 U.S.C.371 (c) (5)]
 10. ☐ Other items received:
 - ☐ Assignment Document ☐ Prior Art Statement ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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- ☐ at the expiration of the applicable time limit under either
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 - ☐ PCT Article 39 [35 U.S.C.371 (b)]
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☒ PCT Article 22 or

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- ☐ 7. Search Report or PCT Article 17(2) declaration
- ☐ 8. International Preliminary Examination Report and its Annexes, if any, under PCT Article 36(3)(a), if applicable
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[35. U.S.C. 371(d)]

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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